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Seven arrested in Gatineau drug bust

INVESTIGATION Gatineau police arrested and charged seven people after a drug bust Wednesday.

After several weeks of investigation, police executed a search warrant at 292 Davidson Rd. E., said Const. Isabelle Poirier Thursday.

Police seized half a kilogram of cocaine valued at $25,000, $40,000 in cash, a Hummer H2 valued at $50,000 and a gun for hunting.

Police arrested seven Gatineau residents — five men and two women. They face charges including drug possession for the purpose of trafficking, possession of narcotics, possession of firearms and breach of probation. While one of the accused, a 37-year-old male, appeared in court Thursday, the six other suspects were released under a promise to appear in court at a later date.

The investigation continues.

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper, with B.C. Premier Gordon Campbell, left, speaks at a transportation funding announcement in Burnaby, B.C, hours after his government announced tougher sentencing legislation. Harper dismissed concerns that recent gang-related violence in Vancouver would deter visitors from the 2010 Olympic Games being held there, saying "Canada is still a relatively peaceful country."

Ganging up on gangs

Critics pan Tory legislation despite opposition support

Proposals to slap first-degree murder charges and tougher sentences on gangsters or police assailants will have little practical effect on curbing gang crime and gun violence, criminologists and other critics say.

More front-line officers, more intrusive investigative powers for police and more resources directed at prevention are needed, they say.

Ross Hastings, director of the Institute for the Prevention of Crime at the University of Ottawa, joins other criminologists in arguing there is no evidence that tougher sentences deter criminals, but the "certainty of being caught" is more likely to do so.

Nonetheless, amid an alarming rise in Vancouver's gang violence, politicians of all stripes rushed Thursday to endorse federal proposals to label gang killings first-degree murder offences, and to stiffen jail terms for drive-by or reckless gang-motivated shootings and assaults on police.

All three federal opposition parties promised to fast-track the measures proposed by the Conservatives.

In Vancouver, hours after his government introduced the bill to make gang slayings automatically carry a charge of first-degree murder, Prime Minister Stephen Harper shrugged off what he said were the inevitable critics, and insisted on the value of deterrence.

Hastings, a criminology professor, urged smarter, more targeted measures.

"The one thing that will make you slow down to the speed limit is seeing a police officer in your rear-view mirror. The certainty of being caught has much more influence on your behaviour than the severity of the punishment you may or may not be subjected to."

He said it is "the easiest thing in the world" for a federal government to set minimum penalties or to increase maximum sentences to be levied by a justice system that is administered provincially or locally.

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Bigger picture

- Opposition critics, Ontario's justice minister and two key B.C. ministers called for more comprehensive anti-gang measures.

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Postmark of Friday must for transit refunds

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DEADLINE Transit riders still hoping for a refund on their December passes have until Friday to get them in the mail.

OC Transpo will only issue refund cheques for passes that are postmarked before Feb. 28.

Passes should be mailed to the OC Transpo Finance Department, 1500 St. Laurent Blvd., Ottawa ON K1G 0Z8.

The deadline for refunds at the kiosks was on Feb. 21.

Normal fares will resume Sunday. Customers will notice that new, larger, bright pink bus tickets are in circulation, but the price is unchanged at $1 each.

Transit users who did not get a refund on their December bus passes can use them to get a 60 per cent discount on their March passes.

Overall, OC Transpo is running three weeks ahead of schedule and anticipating it will have all peak-period routes back to full service by March 16, although some will make fewer trips than normally scheduled since bus availability is at 90 per cent.

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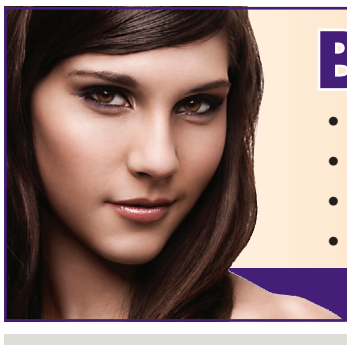

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Humane society holding microchip clinic

This Sunday, the Ottawa Humane Society is holding a microchip clinic for dogs and cats at its Champagne Avenue location. Held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., the cost is $45 for one animal, $85 for two and $125 for three. To make an appointment, call 613-725-3166, ext. 221. METRO OTTAWA

Local

Police cracking down on tailgating

Ottawa police are cracking down on drivers running red lights and tailgating in March. In 2007, 916 reportable collisions occurred on Ottawa roads due to drivers failing to stop at red lights, resulting in two deaths and 416 injuries. In the same year, tailgating caused 4,716 rear-end collisions — one-third of the city's total collisions. These collisions resulted in four deaths and 1,470 injuries.

METRO OTTAWA

Transit tunnel unveiled

City offers residents a chance to see plans for project

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It's just a lot of cardboard right now, but residents in Ottawa were able to get a better look at the downtown transit tunnel Thursday.

After a preliminary evaluation of the station locations and layout, David Hopper, study project leader, said officials were looking for feedback from the public, before taking the next step in the development process.

"The public really has a good sense on the ground of what is happening at some of these stations that we don't have," he said. "There are trade-offs that have to be made at each station and we are trying to educate people what those are, so they can help us make an informed decision on how to move forward."

The evaluations ranked several options for the path and orientation for nearly 12 kilometres of tracks at 13 transit stops between Tunney's Pasture and Blair Station.

TIM WIECLAWSKI/METRO OTTAWA

David Hopper, project manager of the downtown Ottawa transit tunnel planning and environmental assessment study, explains the various tunnel configurations Thursday evening.

However, Vivi Chi, the city's manager of transportation and infrastructure planning, said the ranking could still be based on consultations.

A staff recommendation would come to the transportation committee on May 6.

The estimated costs for the tunnel project include $600 million for the downtown tunnel, $277 million for the rail corridor from Tunney's Pasture to Blair Station, and $390 million for trains.

After looking at the plans, Klaus Beltzner with Transport 2000 said he was concerned that the costs were being grossly underestimated.

"If you tell me that what you see here is going to be in any way near $600 million, I'm a monkey's uncle. It's going to be $1.2 billion before we even get out of the downtown," he said.

Construction is slated to begin in 2012.

Accused called victim 'repeatedly': Crown

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"I love my sister dearly. But in my mind, she was hallucinating about things."
Susan Pearce, victim's sister and wife of accused

COURT Allen Tehrankari phoned his sister-in-law Barbara Galway dozens of times in the days leading up to her death, a Crown prosecutor said Thursday.

Tehrankari called Galway "late at night from the ESSO repeatedly," assistant Crown attorney David Elhadad told Susan Pearce — who is the sister of the deceased and the wife of the accused — while she took the stand Thursday.

According to Elhadad, there was "an absolute eruption of phone calls" that originated from Tehrankari's gas station on Dec. 29, 2004.

Phone records showed that later that night, Tehrankari and Galway spoke for 43 minutes.

On Jan. 5, 2005, Galway arrived in Ottawa to see her sister. The next day, Galway's body, which had been set on fire, was discovered in the Mer Bleue Conservation Area. She had been sexually assaulted.

Charged with first-degree murder, Tehrankari is representing himself in court.

The Crown is alleging Tehrankari developed romantic feelings for Galway, but Pearce said she wasn't aware of any problems in her marriage, even after her brothers approached her to say Galway said there was.

"I love my sister dearly," said Pearce. "But in my mind, she was hallucinating about things."

"I don't know what she was lying about, but she was lying about a lot of things. What she said could not be trusted."

The trial continues.

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WHAT'S ONLINE TODAY

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Newcomers get taste of Canada

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"We want to show newcomers to Canada what Canadians do in the wintertime."
Derek Flynn, ESL instructor

LEARNING Newcomers to Canada will be experiencing some of the best that Canada has to offer right in Gatineau Park Friday.

As a part of an ESL program at Algonquin College, about 50 students will learn to snowshoe and identify animal tracks.

"We want to show newcomers to Canada what Canadians do in the wintertime," said Derek Flynn, an ESL instructor with the Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada (LINC) program.

"Many of them have never seen snow before. By doing activities like these, it makes it a bit easier to ease into Canadian culture."

Through his teaching, Flynn has also introduced students to curling and skating.

The students in the program are from as far as Cuba, Iraq, Egypt, Brazil and the Philippines. Some arrived as recently as earlier this month, said Flynn.

According to Flynn, Ottawa is a good place for new Canadian arrivals.

"Ottawa is very multicultural," he said. "They like the city because it's a bit gentler as a first experience."

Essential service no good: Report

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TRANSIT Declaring OC Transpo an essential service would result in protracted labour disruptions and higher wage costs, a city staff report stated.

The report will be discussed at the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee on Tuesday. It states it's likely the city would need to seek special legislation to declare OC Transpo an essential service, rather than reach a mutual agreement with the Amalgamated Transit Union. But a report from the C.D. Howe Institute entitled No Free Ride: The Cost of Essential Services Designation stated the designation does not predict or prohibit future transit labour disruptions.

Since 1977, there have been about 671 strikes in Canada where an essential services designation was applied and those strikes lasted 38 per cent longer.

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China bids to take over Calgary-based oil firm

China National Petroleum Corp. launched a friendly $443-million offer for Verenex Energy Inc. Thursday to give the state-owned oil company a stake in a promising Libyan oil concession. Shares of Calgary-based Verenex surged $1.75, or 22 per cent, to $9.55 on the Toronto Stock Exchange. REUTERS

Canada

U.S. wins lumber dispute

An international tribunal has ruled for the United States in a dispute with Canada over a softwood lumber deal struck in 2006, the U.S. Trade Representative's office said Thursday. The decision requires Canada to fix its breach in the agreement within 30 days, the U.S. Trade representative said in a statement. REUTERS

Libraries recession-friendly

JENNIFER HILLIKER
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Riding the **Recession**

For an annual fee of just $12, Calgarian Anne Stefanyshyn and her two daughters have limitless amounts of entertainment.

At least once a week they visit the Fish Creek Public Library in south Calgary. Stefanyshyn's three-year-old daughter Rayna takes part in a 45-minute story-time session that's at maximum registration, while Stefanyshyn reads to her other daughter.

"We get so, so much value out of the library," she said. "I just buy a library card so she (Rayna) can come to story time. It's so worth it."

Last year, the Calgary Public Library boasted record usage, with more than 15 million books, CDs and DVDs borrowed. This is up 1.1 million from 2007, and Gerry Meek, library director, attributes it to the recession.

ROBIN KUNISKI/FOR METRO CANADA

Dayna Tyson spends plenty of time at the Calgary public libraries with her daughter. Nationwide, libraries are seeing an increase in users because of the entertainment and education they provide.

Heather MacKenzie, branch manager at the Alderney Gate library in Dartmouth, N.S., a Halifax suburb, says library use was steadily increasing in the Halifax area even before the recession.

Now, she says, financial-planning workshops are proving more popular, and books on budgeting are "flying off the displays."

She expects the library's English as a second language, literacy tutoring, and job-search workshops to be more popular in tough economic times, too.

Perhaps one of the best recession-friendly programs in the country is the Toronto Public Library's Museum and Arts Pass Program.

The pass, which is available currently at 32 of the system's 99 branch libraries, gives access for a family of up to five to any of a list of popular locales in the Greater Toronto Area including: The Royal Ontario Museum, the Art Gallery of Ontario, the Science Centre, and Black Creek Pioneer Village.

Starting March 7, the pass program will be expanded to all 99 branches in the GTA.

With more than four million visitors a year, Ottawa libraries are the most visited public institutions in the National Capital Region, according to the library's statistics.

The libraries also offer 8,000 programs for all ages (attended by more than 190,000 people), special programming for children, 334 free Internet access stations and programs for seniors.

While cities like Calgary charge a fee for library access, other cities across the country have access for free — but change may be afoot.

Halifax city staff recently warned council that the budget is going to be tight this year, with cuts to services and tax hikes likely coming. Still, MacKenzie said the library has always had enough city funding that it doesn't need to charge for its services. The library doesn't charge a fee to get a library card, either.

"Looking at our community, we want to be as accessible as we possibly can. We've never needed to go down that road, and I'm certain we'd never want to."

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RCMP admit errors over dead skier

MISTAKES RCMP admitted Thursday that they had been slow to start looking for a pair of lost skiers, one of whom died after the couple spent more than a week wandering in the Rocky Mountains.

Gilles Blackburn, 51, and his 44-year-old wife, Marie-Josee Fortin, skied out of bounds at a resort in the British Columbia town of Golden on Feb. 15 but were not found until Feb. 24. Fortin froze to death.

The skiers left a series of distress signals. On the first two occasions these were spotted and reported to authorities but the RCMP did not order a search. REUTERS

VideoOnline
The RCMP admits their reaction to lost skiers in B.C. was inadequate.

Tories holding back public info: Report

CRISIS A secretive Conservative government shares the blame for an Access to Information system that is dogged with delays and on the brink of "crisis," a scathing report has warned.

Information commissioner Robert Marleau issued a hard-hitting condemnation Thursday of Ottawa's "risk-averse, disclosure averse" atmosphere that denies Canadians the information they're entitled to about the workings of the federal government.

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News in brief

AFGHANISTAN The Canadian combat mission in Afghanistan could cost taxpayers around $11.3 billion by the time it ends in 2011, according to a new government estimate. But the report, posted on the government website Canada's Engagement in Afghanistan, suggests that the 10-year cost estimate for the mission could change, depending on the circumstances, CBC News Online reports. Around $9 billion of the costs are Defence Department-related and include expenses for personnel, equipment, supplies, maintaining bases and medical needs.

ECONOMY Wal-Mart Stores Inc.'s Canadian division said Thursday it will close its Sam's Club locations in Ontario to focus instead on opening more Wal-Mart supercentres. The retailer said the decision will result in the closure of six Sam's Club locations, but it is currently in discussions with a major U.S. retailer to purchase Wal-Mart's interest in five of the locations.

AURORA BOREALIS A camera being set up in Yellowknife will allow people around the world to watch the northern lights online. The Canadian Space Agency is teaming up with partners in Yellowknife and Calgary to set up a camera that will capture images of the aurora borealis and put those images on a website.

LOTTERY Manitoba's provincial ombudsman, Irene Hamilton, will look again at whether western Canada's lottery system is operating fairly. Hamilton decided to take another look after a CBC-commissioned analysis showed retailers are winning the lottery at a rate almost twice that of their customers.

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The trouble with fake guns

Marketplace

Erica Johnson

"Get your wallets, or I'll shoot her!" yelled the gunman, as he put his weapon to Pat Johnson's head. He'd just walked into the antique store she manages in Vancouver's swanky Shaughnessy district.

When he turned away, some colleagues tackled him to the ground, sending his weapon flying. But the gunman's arrest wasn't the end of the story. When officers picked up the gun for evidence, they learned it was an imitation — a BB gun, made to look just like the real thing.

Of course, that didn't make it any less traumatic for Johnson. "A gun's a gun," she says. "And we were all terrified."

And it seems, that's what criminals are learning, too. Police across Canada say fake guns that look real are being used in more and more crimes. They're used in car-jackings, bank robberies and convenience store holdups, too.

And realistic-looking guns are causing problems in schools. In Toronto, there have recently been more incidents involving fake guns than the real thing.

So what's the attraction? Well, for one, young people tell us it's fun to shoot a BB gun that looks just like a cop's. And these fakes are easy to buy. In most parts of Canada, there are no age requirements around who can buy a realistic-looking gun.

Manufacturers sure know the appeal of real-looking fakes — they're making buckets of money, by getting licensing agreements from the real gun manufacturers to make theirs as real as possible.

And criminals know that it's perfectly legal to carry a real-looking gun, and no permit's required to get one.

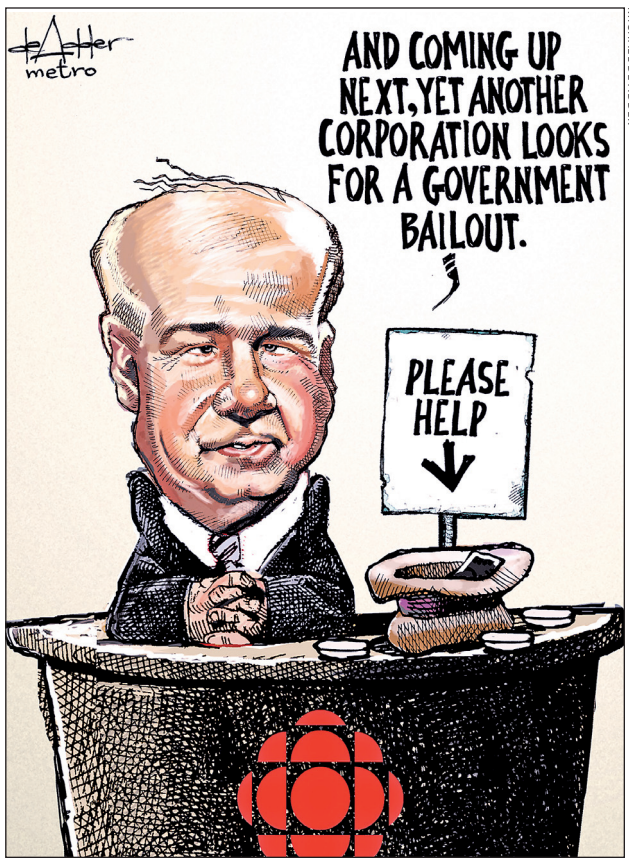
For the cops? It all spells big trouble. When they get a "gun call," they respond as though the person — young or old — is carrying a real gun. In Canada, that's led to unnecessary shootings and fatalities.

Over the years, numerous coroner's juries, and police at all levels have called on the federal government to tighten up the laws when it comes to these fake guns. Some cops want the imitations banned. Others want a "must be 18 to buy and possess" law. And others say you should have to have a licence to buy a gun that looks like the real deal.

The federal government says it's looking at the issue — a "working group" was struck two years ago.

While we wait for its recommendations, store manager Pat Johnson has installed tighter security at her shop, so now any "customers" have to be buzzed in.

Erica Johnson is a journalist and co-host of CBC News: Marketplace, Canada's award-winning consumer affairs show. CBC News: Marketplace airs each Friday night at 8:30 p.m. (9 p.m. NT) on CBC Television.



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Views

Snitching communities of anonymous neighbours?

UrbanCompass

Steve Collins

Ottawa Centre MPP Yasir Naqvi this week reminded us of the importance of being nice, with a statement in the legislature announcing Ottawa's second annual Kindness Week.

One might question how this squares with unfriendly Bill 106, his private member's bill for so-called Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods (SCAN) legislation, which has passed second reading.

SCAN laws, which are already in effect in Manitoba, Alberta, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Saskatchewan and Yukon, rely on anonymous tips, surveillance and court orders to cleanse neighbourhoods of junkies, hookers and, well, anyone else deemed undesirable.

A director of safer communities would investigate complaints from neighbours about buildings they think are being used for illegal or unsavoury purposes. Ultimately, problem buildings could be shut down for 90 days and the people living in them evicted without recourse to their rights under the Residential Tenancies Act.

Police, who complain of how time-consuming and resource-draining it currently is to get a Community Safety Order and shut down a crack house, love the idea.

Local activists, like People Against SCAN and the Advocacy Centre for Tenants Ontario, see SCAN as an end-run around due process and yet another tool for picking on the vulnerable, the poor, the addicted and the mentally ill.

The example proponents of the bill almost always offer is that of the proverbial crack house, and point taken. Nobody who isn't on crack wants to live next to one. But the wording of Bill 106 is vagueness itself, ready to spring into action to counter not only substance abuse and prostitution, but any activities that "have an adverse affect on communities or neighbourhoods."

Faceless snitches and quickie evictions? That's not the kind of neighbourhood ... I'd hope for in Ottawa.

What does that mean? The definition provides even less clarity, gesturing widely at any activities which "(a) Negatively affect the health, safety or security of one or more persons in the community or neighbourhood; or (b) interfere with the reasonable enjoyment of one or more properties in the community or neighbourhood."

Please take a moment and try to imagine an activity that couldn't be said to interfere with a neighbour's "reasonable enjoyment." Communism, witchcraft and bad taste in music aren't specifically mentioned, but neither are they specifically excluded.

Then consider the complete anonymity granted to the person bringing the complaint, notwithstanding access to information and privacy laws. Those accused of nefarious activity have no right to face their accuser, whose anonymity also obscures possible motives for wanting the weirdos next door kicked out.

Faceless snitches and quickie evictions? That's not the kind of neighbourhood — or neighbours — I'd hope for in Ottawa.

Steve Collins lives, writes and walks in Ottawa.

Worth mentioning

Spit study offers health insight

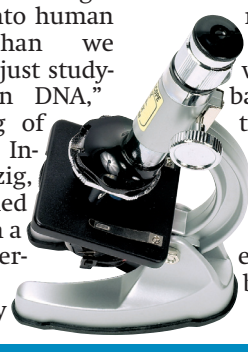
Bacteria found in people's spit does not vary much around the world, a surprising finding that could provide insights into how diet and cultural factors affect human health, researchers said Thursday.

Because the human body harbours 10 times more bacterial cells than human cells, scientists are trying to understand more about the bacteria we carry.

The human mouth is a major gateway for bacteria into the body and it contains a diverse array of microbial species.

Yet scientists know little about this diversity and how it relates to diet, environment, health and disease, they added.

"We are interested in this because by studying the bacteria we can get more insights into human populations than we would get from just studying the human DNA," Mark Stoneking of the Max Planck Institute in Leipzig, Germany, who led the study, said in a telephone interview.



In their study published in Genome Research, the team sequenced bacteria found in saliva samples taken from 120 healthy volunteers from North America, South America, Western Europe, Eastern Europe, Africa and Asia.

Not surprisingly, they observed considerable diversity of bacterial life in the overall saliva microbiome, both within and between individuals.

But when comparing samples from different geographic areas they found not much variation, suggesting that bacteria within the mouth of a person's neighbour is likely to be just as different as someone on the other side of the world.

The findings could help better understand human migrations and populations as well as providing background for future studies looking at the influence of diet, cultural factors and disease on differences in saliva bacteria.

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Antibody fights flu 7

An antibody being developed by a Dutch drug company chokes off both seasonal flu and the H5N1 avian flu virus, researchers reported Thursday. REUTERS

World

Drug war rages

Troops hit border towns to target gangs

Mexico is sending up to 5,000 new troops and federal police to the country's most violent city, where law and order is on the brink of collapse in a brutal war between drug gangs aided by corrupt police.

The army said on Thursday the new deployment could take the number of soldiers and federal police to more than 7,000 in Ciudad Juarez, across the border from El Paso, Texas. This month drug hitmen killed 250 people in Juarez, where a meeting of cabinet members Wednesday was rattled by bomb scares.

"In yesterday's meeting (government officials) talked about sending 5,000 troops and police to Ciudad Juarez," said army spokesman Enrique Torres. "They are expected to arrive in the next few weeks."

Drug trade analysts say those soldiers risk being overwhelmed by vicious drug gangs fighting over smuggling routes in league with corrupt city and state police.

President Felipe Calderon has sent out some 45,000 troops across Mexico to try and crush drug gangs but clashes between rival cartels and security forces killed around 6,000 people last year. The U.S. is concerned the violence could spill over the border, escalating the conflict. REUTERS

Heavy presence

- Army spokesman Enrique Torres said there were 2,020 troops and 425 federal police in Ciudad Juarez, a city of around 1.6 million people.

Mexico City **No bull from protesters**

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An activist holds a sign reading: "No more bullfighting!" while other activists pretend to be stabbed by baderillas during a protest against bullfighting at Mexico City's main square Thursday.

News in brief

ONLINE Facebook Inc. is asking its members to help shape its governance policies after drawing ire for a policy change that many perceived as being overbearing and potentially compromising privacy. From now on, the social networking site will be guided by a set of principles that reflect its dedication to transparency and openness in communication, Facebook said Thursday.

CARIBBEAN French Prime Minister Francois Fillon said on Thursday security forces would maintain order on the Caribbean island of Martinique after youths clashed with police overnight in a protest over economic conditions. REUTERS

Obama's budget to push 2009 deficit to $1.75 trillion

POLITICS U.S. President Barack Obama forecast the biggest U.S. deficit since the Second World War in a budget on Thursday that urges a costly overhaul of the health-care system and would spend billions to arrest the economy's freefall.

An eye-popping $1.75 trillion US deficit for the 2009 fiscal year dominated attention as the Democratic president unveiled his first budget. That amounts to a 12.3 per cent share of the economy — the largest since 1945. In 2010, the deficit would dip to a still-huge $1.17 trillion.

Obama promised to get the red ink under control but showed no sign the staggering deficits would deter him from veering sharply away from the policies of his Republican predecessor former U.S. president George W. Bush.

The Republican opposition in Congress was quick to condemn a budget plan that underlines Obama's intention to make good on campaign pledges to expand health coverage for the uninsured. REUTERS

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Banks top forecasts

Three of Canada's largest banks reported quarterly profits yesterday that were hit hard by market-related charges, but their shares rallied as underlying results excluding one-time items beat street expectations.

Royal Bank of Canada, the country's biggest lender, posted a 15 per cent drop in quarterly profit as writedowns related to seized-up credit markets and other items cut earnings by $646 million.

Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce said it returned to profit in its first quarter, even as it was hit by $1.36 a share in losses, including a $708 million loss tied to structured credit activities.

National Bank of Canada said its first-quarter profit fell 73 per cent as it took charges of $184 million related to the asset-backed commercial paper market, another victim of the global credit crunch.

Toronto-Dominion Bank kicked off Canada's bank reporting season Wednesday with stronger-than-expected results that boosted its stock and shares of other banks.

Shares of yesterday's three reporting banks rallied, with Royal rising 4.8 per cent to $31.43. CIBC rose 3.9 per cent to $44.97 and National Bank rose 6.4 per cent to $36.56. As a result, the bank-heavy financials index on the Toronto Stock Exchange rose more than five per cent. REUTERS

Executive pay

- National Bank of Canada, RBC and CIBC have agreed to give shareholders a say in determining what top executives get paid.

GM reports nearly $31B loss for 2008

AUTOS General Motors Corp. posted a loss of nearly $31 billion US yesterday for 2008 and said its auditors were likely to cast doubt on its viability as it seeks an expanded federal bailout to stay afloat.

Revenue plunged by more than a third to $30.8 billion. The automaker burned through more than $5 billion in the fourth quarter and ended the year with $14 billion in cash, including the first $4 billion in loans it received from the U.S. Treasury.

GM, which asked for up to $30 billion of U.S. government aid, also warned its pension plans were underfunded by about $12.4 billion, raising the risk of a greater funding gap in the years ahead. REUTERS

Business in brief

DRUGS Biovail Corp. reported quarterly results that topped analyst expectations yesterday and said it is taking seriously a move by company founder Eugene Melnyk to nominate new members to the board and change some corporate governance provisions. Excluding items, the company said it earned $54.2 million US, or 34 cents a share, down from $72.5 million, or 45 cents a share, in the year-before quarter. REUTERS

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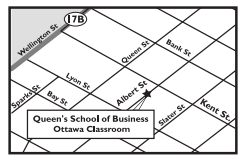

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Vick to finish sentence at home

Michael Vick will be allowed to serve the last two months of his federal prison sentence for bankrolling a dog-fighting ring under home confinement because there is no room at a halfway house for him, a U.S. government official said Thursday. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

"I'm Madonna's fan. I was hoping she'd show up."

U.S. World Baseball Classic manager Davey Johnson, on how he hoped Alex Rodriguez would play for the U.S. rather than the Dominican Republic in the upcoming tournament. On Thursday, Rodriguez was told by the New York Yankees to keep his cousin Yuri Sucart away from ballparks. Rodriguez previously identified Sucart as the cousin who provided him with performance-enhancing drugs. After Wednesday's Grapefruit League game against Toronto, Sucart was seen picking up Rodriguez from Dunedin Stadium in an SUV. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Sports in brief

MLB North Vancouver, B.C., native Scott Richmond pitched two shutout innings in a 6-2 win over the Philadelphia Phillies in Clearwater, Fla., Thursday, helping earn the Blue Jays their first Grapefruit League win of the spring.

NHL The Montreal Canadiens acquired defenceman Doug Janik Thursday from the Dallas Stars in exchange for forward Steve Begin. Janik has spent the majority of the season in the AHL.

NHL The Pittsburgh Penguins traded forward Ryan Whitney to Anaheim Thursday for forward Chris Kunitz and prospect Eric Tangradi.

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Senators overpowered

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MIKE BEASLEY
for Metro Ottawa

THE SKINNY: The Senators started out fine, taking a one-goal lead, but got into penalty trouble in the second period and saw the NHL's second-best power play take control of the game.

POWER GAME: All three goals in Thursday night's match were scored with a man advantage.

THE WINNER: Patrick Marleau notched his 34th goal of the season tying his career high set during the 2005-2006 season.

SUCCESS RATE: San Jose has not lost two games in a row all season. The Sharks lost on Wednesday against Detroit, but rebounded with a win Thursday.

PENALTY HAT TRICK: Senators defenceman Brian Lee took a hooking, holding and unsportsmanlike conduct penalty within three minutes of play during the second period.

LONG TIME AGO: The Sharks shut out the Senators 2-0 when the two teams last met in Ottawa on January 12, 2006.

EVEN LONGER TIME AGO: Ottawa has not defeated the San Jose since Oct. 18, 2003.

BLAIR GABLE/REUTERS

The Sharks' Brad Lukowich swats a puck over the head of Mike Comrie Thursday night.

THE NEXT GAME: Ottawa takes on their provincial rivals, the Toronto Maple Leafs, on Saturday night at Scotiabank Place.

Tiger eliminated in second round

GOLF A day after his hotly anticipated return to the PGA Tour, Tiger Woods made a premature exit from the WGC-Accenture Match Play Championship after being upset 4&2 by South African Tim Clark on Thursday.

The top seed and defending champion, who had been sidelined by a knee injury after winning his 14th major title at the U.S. Open in June, surrendered an early one-hole advantage in the second round before losing on the 16th green.

Clark, world-ranked 33rd, had not reached the third round in five previous appearances at the event, but outclassed the game's leading player with a flawless six-birdie display.

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When it came to filling the boots of The Watchmen's various superheroes, director Zack Snyder took some potential commercially ruinous risks — casting a lot of actors that are relatively unknown to Hollywood's big blockbuster films.

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Jonas Brothers 3-D flick strictly for tween girls.

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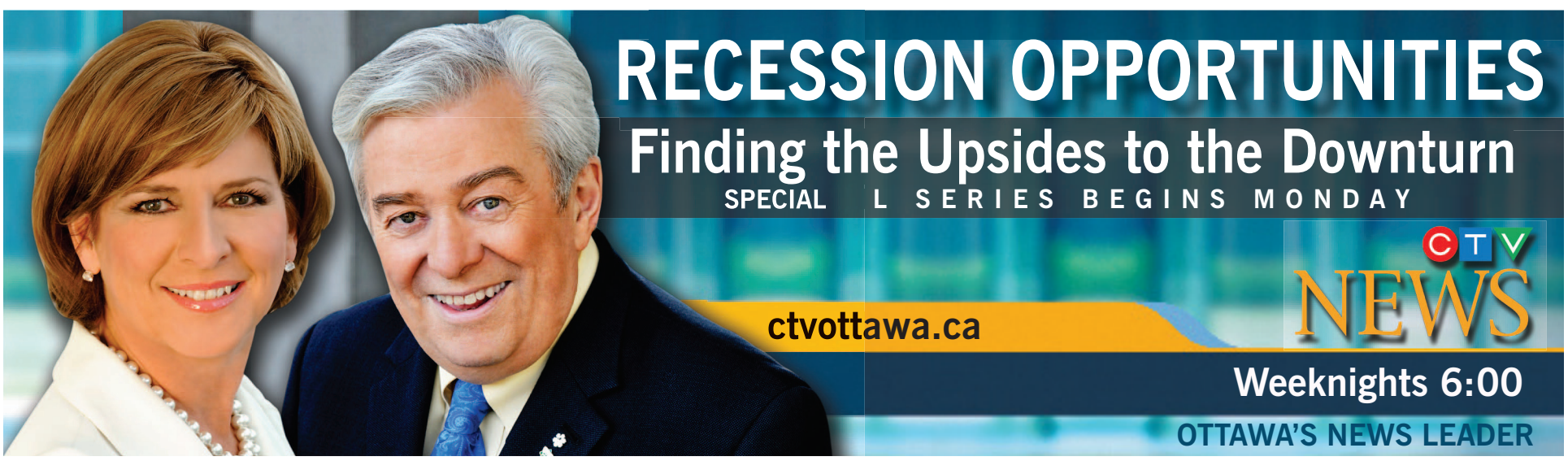
Tom Green promises a wild Celebrity Apprentice season.



Blanchett joins Robin Hood

Cate Blanchett is to play Maid Marian opposite Russell Crowe's Robin Hood in a new movie about the medieval hero. The Curious Case of Benjamin Button star will replace Sienna Miller in the epic, which will be directed by Ridley Scott. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Movies

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Behind the masks

Director Snyder avoids big names in Watchmen

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

Graphic novel Watchmen's reluctant superheroes come to life on the silver screen next Friday.

When it came time to fill the platform boots of Watchmen's various morally ambiguous superheroes, director Zack Snyder took some potentially commercially ruinous risks.

Big names like Tom Cruise had been long bandied about, but that level of baggage-bringing star power didn't sit well with the controversial filmmaker, so instead, he opted to cast a slew of critically celebrated but lesser known artists.

This meant bringing actors to the fold who weren't known for donning latex tights and navigating tricky special effects; people like Billy Crudup (Almost Famous), Oscar-nominated former child star Jackie Earle Haley (Little Children), Matthew Goode (Match Point), Patrick Wilson (Hard Candy) and Malin Akerman (The Heartbreak Kid).

Not exactly the roster you expect for a comic book film, but then again, dismissing Alan Moore's revered graphic novel as just a comic book is like calling Crime and Punishment a thriller.

"None of us wanted to veer too far away from the source material, because it's perfect as it was," says Akerman, who plays the central role of Laurie, a.k.a. Silk Spectre II.

"But by the same token it was frustrating as an actor when you had an idea of how the character would react to a situation only to learn that in the book it was something completely different, so you were chained to that."

The more or less faithfully adapted film sees a battered, bizarre version of mid-'80s America, still in the grip of the Cold War and littered with masked vigilantes whose personal and social problems leak out into their crime fighting work.

"These are people who are convinced they are doing the right thing," says Haley, who plays the film's most unbalanced character, the mask-and-fedora wearing Rorschach. "Rorschach is a product of his childhood, his upbringing and even though he's psychotic, he's not a bad person."

Movie **feature**

One of the pivotal figures in Watchmen is the not-quite-human Dr. Manhattan, a former scientist who gets disintegrated in a lab mishap only to re-particalize as a blue tinted, physically anamorphous superman.

And while that description doesn't seem much like the handsome, unassuming Billy Crudup, with the aid of special effects, he had little trouble filling Manhattan's supernatural shoes. "I've had people ask me how much of the performance is me," says the actor of his digitally tweaked turn.

"It was basically all mine. Sure, there was this puppet version of me in the computer, an exact replica of me that's a different hue, but I was wired to it and had complete control of every facial tick and physical nuance."

But while Haley may focus on the less negative psychological aspects of the Watchmen, co-star Jeffrey Dean Morgan, who plays the effortlessly homicidal Comedian, has a different take.

"If these guys weren't on the streets trying to save people, they'd all be in prison ... or worse," Morgan says.

Balaban's Week of grand Canadiana

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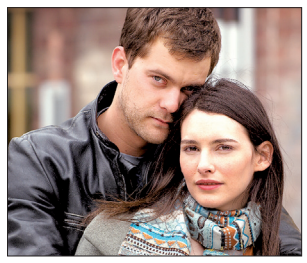

Joshua Jackson and Liane Balaban star in One Week.

FEATURE One week after wrapping production of Canadian film One Week, Liane Balaban jetted off to London to play Dustin Hoffman's daughter in Last Chance Harvey.

She went from the campy directorial stylings of Michael McGowan straight to the glitz and glamour of a big Hollywood production. But the funny thing, said the 28-year-old with a laugh, was that Last Chance Harvey was Hoffman's low-budget project.

"They had T-shirts made up that said LCH (Last Chance Harvey) LBF (Low Budget Film)," said Balaban, who first appeared on the Canadian movie scene in 1999's New Waterford Girl.

She played 15-year-old Mooney Pottie in the critically acclaimed film about a young girl stifled by her upbringing in a small, Cape Breton coal-mining town.

Since then, she's acted in a range of productions including Definitely, Maybe with Ryan Reynolds; Happy Here and Now with David Arquette; and she just completed filming Coach with Hugh Dancy.

At the same time, she's held tight to her Canadian roots, finishing a political science degree at Concordia University, studying journalism at Ryerson and residing — for the most part — in Montreal with her fiancé, author and journalist Adam Gollner.

In One Week, Balaban plays Samantha Pierce, the fiancée of Ben Taylor (Joshua Jackson), who is diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer and given little time to live. The Dawson's Creek star's character spontaneously buys an $8,000 motorcycle and begins a journey across Canada before giving in to his illness and inevitable treatment.

What struck Balaban most about the film was that so much came out of such little time and financing.

"I was so impressed that such a tiny film was able to capture so much of the grandeur of Canada," she said. And that it does. From Toronto's congested Gardiner Expressway and magnificent skyscrapers, to breathtaking views of Banff's snow capped peaks, the film takes full advantage of the country's aesthetic strengths.

• One Week opens in theatres March 6.

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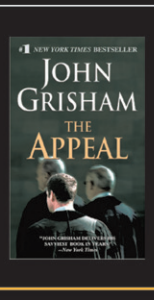

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Weir returns with WWII epic

Peter Weir has broken his six-year film dormancy by kicking off principal photography on his next project, the Second World War Siberian exile epic, The Way Back. The film stars Colin Farrell and Jim Sturgess. **EMPIREONLINE.COM**

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A scene from Jonas Brothers: The 3-D Concert Experience.

Jonas strictly for tweens

Jonas Brothers: **The 3-D Concert Experience**

Director: Bruce Hendricks
Stars: Joe Jonas. Nick Jonas
Classification: G
Rating: 🌐🌐

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Do you know that TV ad where a thirtysomething guy is asked if he wants to experience something "youthful"?

You know the one — suddenly the slackjawed chap slips into some surreal flashback set to bad pop music only to snap out of it and pronounce he'll stick with his Diet Pepsi. Well, unless you're a 12-year-old girl, watching Jonas Brothers: The 3-D Concert Experience is a bit like that.

Even at 76 minutes, this concert film starring today's hottest Disney-mined pop act is a pretty laboured sit for anyone who doesn't appreciate the unbridled adulation of youthful screaming in their ears or bland, indistinctive pop songs that blend into each other like soft cheese melting in a fondue pot.

Directed by Bruce Hendricks (who successfully put the same treatment on a Miley Cyrus concert last year), this film mixes the boys' stage performance (who are more interesting when they're practising gymnastics on stage than performing music) with random backstage antics — which seem almost as choreographed as the cookie-cutter concert.

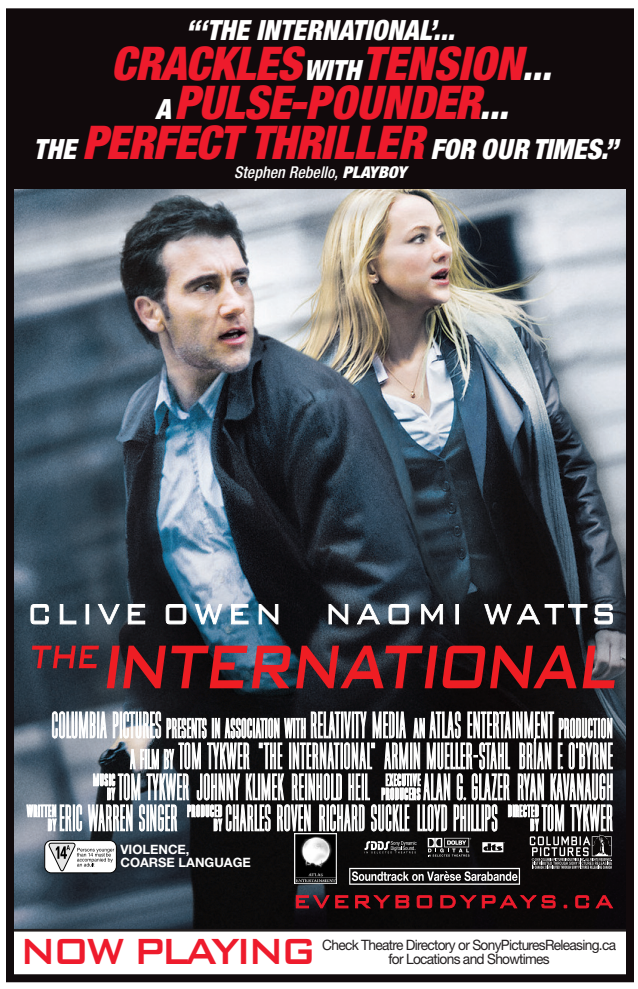
Even the 3-D isn't used as effectively as it could be. Sure, every so often a guitar pick is thrown in your face but even that had to be enhanced by computer effects.

Then again, it doesn't really matter what I say — this movie wasn't made for me. It's for the thousands of energetic tweens that plaster their bedroom walls with Joe Jonas posters. For those girls, the trio's non-threatening stage swagger and duets with fellow teen idols Demi Lovato and Taylor Swift will be completely gratifying.

As for accompanying parents, well, I say enjoy it too. In about two more years, that little darling might be listening to Marilyn Manson.

On the web

- Visit metronews.ca/movies for images from Jonas Brothers: The 3-D Concert Experience and for local screen times.



Virtual JFK explores Vietnam 'what ifs'

IAN GORMELY
for Metro Canada

FEATURE It's been said that everything in history hinges on the length of Cleopatra's nose; had it been bigger, Marc Antony might have never fallen in love with her, changing the course of the Roman Empire and everything that came after.

Counter-factual history like this is generally derided in academic circles due to the number of "what ifs" involved. But it's through this lens that Virtual JFK: Vietnam If Kennedy Had Lived examines what American involvement in Vietnam might have looked like had President Kennedy not been assassinated in 1963.

The documentary goes beyond imagining a history of what could have happened says the film's producer Peter O. Almond. It asks the "what if" question but gives viewers the background necessary to answer that question.

"It's not so much 'what if' as 'here's what,'" he explains. "It doesn't lead you by the nose to the filmmaker's conclusion."

The film's director Koji Masutani came up with the idea while studying at Brown University. It was there that he met international relations professor James Blight, who also narrates the film. Blight was interested in the decisions leaders make during crises — would another leader make the same decision?

Masutani was struck by how Lyndon Johnson had managed to get the United States tied up in Vietnam after Kennedy was killed. Like many people, Masutani believed there were parallels to be made between Vietnam and the quagmire in Iraq.

"He saw a theme that his generation might find illuminating," says Almond.

Almond is no stranger to Kennedy's decision making process. He served as producer on the 2000 Kevin Costner film 13 Days, which recounts the scene inside the White House during the Cuban Missile Crisis. Almond, now 65 and in college when Kennedy was in office, says he certainly admired the man.

"He seemed to have some greater functioning wisdom," he says.

- Virtual JFK: Vietnam If Kennedy Had Lived is now playing in Ottawa.

Total Recall remake planned
Columbia Pictures has announced plans to remake Total Recall. The studio is set to team up with producer Neal Moritz's Original Films to remake the Arnold Schwarzenegger sci-fi actioner ... despite the fact that it's just 19 years old. IMDB.COM

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Video game films have evolved

InFocus

Richard Crouse
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Interpol cop Charlie Nash (Chris Klein) takes aim at a powerful crime boss he's been tracking all over the world in the film version of the popular video game Street Fighter.

If someone told my 13-year-old self that Hollywood was going to make a film out of my favorite video game I would have been perplexed. I loved Pong, but couldn't imagine that it would make an exciting movie. Tetris maybe, but not Pong.

Times and technology certainly have changed. The prehistoric blips of light that characterized the video games I played have been replaced by games with storylines and three-dimensional characters called avatars. With improved quality came a proliferation of video game movies like this weekend's Street Fighter: The Legend of Chun-Li.

Video game movies get a bad rap — critic Nick Schager called House of the Dead an "astonishingly idiotic piece of entertainment"— but not all of them are, as another critic said, "as bad as getting your eyelid caught on a nail."

The first video game movie was 1982's TRON, about a hacker abducted into computer world. While it wasn't directly inspired by a game storyline, the idea came when director Steve Lisberger played my beloved Pong.

"I realized that there were these techniques that would be very suitable for bringing video games and computer visuals to the screen," he said. "And that was the moment the whole concept flashed across my mind."

Since then dozens of games have made the leap to the big screen. Mortal Kombat (released in 1995) only scores 24 per cent on Rotten Tomatoes but this Christopher Lambert movie about three martial artists whose skills will decide the fate of the world topped the box office for three weeks, features lots of great cheesy dialogue like, "You can look into my soul, but you don't own it," and has some good fight scenes.

Brotherhood of the Wolf director Christophe Gans and Oscar winner Roger Avary transformed the Konami Silent Hill game into an effective Grand Guignol shockfest. Avary's script kept the game's theme of survival while adding a story about a woman's somnambulistic daughter who gets lost in a ghost town called Silent Hill. Gans top loads the film with so many surreal images Roger Ebert said it looks "more like an experimental art film than a horror film," but the result is a strangely unsettling thriller.

Hardcore gamers will have already seen those adaptations, but fear not, there are some interesting sounding movies on the way. 28 Days Later scribe Alex Garland is penning Halo, and Tom 'The Sum of All Fears' Clancy is involved in bring Splinter Cell to the big screen.

Now if only we could pair my favourite filmmaker with my other favorite video game. Imagine: Martin Scorsese's Tetris!

• Read Metro on Monday for a review of Street Fighter.

On the web

• Visit metronews.ca/movies for a trailer and screen times for Street Fighter: The Legend of Chun-Li.

Richard Crouse's Movie Show can be seen every Sunday at 6:30 pm on the E! Channel.

Che as epic as it gets

Che
Director: Steve Soderbergh
Stars: Benicio Del Toro, Catalina Sandino Morenao
Classification: STC
Rating: 🌐🌐🌐🌐

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Benicio Del Toro plays the iconic Che Guevara in Che.

REVIEW Arguably the most divisive movie of the 2008 festival circuit, Che makes its Canadian debut — but not in the format the filmmakers originally intended.

While the full-version of Che is a full 4.5-hour beast, unleashed on audiences with only a brief intermission to curb the butt-numbing in other cities, the film is being shown in two parts in Ottawa.

The first part of Steven Soderbergh and Benicio Del Toro's impressive work begins playing today, while the second part will hit Ottawa theatres on March 11.

Che is a biopic mercifully free of cliché, telling the story of the world's most infamous T-shirt icon in a manner befitting of his incredible achievements and tragic failures.

The first part of the film gives audiences the Che Guevara movie they'd expect. Filmed in vibrant colours and rich monochromatic black and white, the first chapter tells the story of Guevara's triumphant involvement in the Cuban revolution.

Soderbergh's handheld cameras go deep into the jungle to show the day-to-day struggles Guevara encountered leading his revolutionary army intercut with faux-newsreel footage of Che's infamous speech to the UN following the victory.

It's an inspiring film that will leave the audience smiling.

Soderbergh starts shooting the second part — for those who go to see Che, Part 2 in March — in drained colours and a less flamboyant style, making it clear from the first frame that something is very wrong.

The second film then follows Guevera's failed attempt to bring the revolution to Bolivia, leading to a tragic finale.

The two halves of the film play off each other wonderfully. Soderbergh expertly toys with audience expectations without ever becoming manipulative.

PETA goes after bear hunting

PETA has released a promotional piece featuring Battlestar Galactica's Jamie Bamber — naked from the obliques up — to shed light on the cruelty of black-bear hunting. The ad simply reads, "Bare Skin, Not Bearskin." TVGUIDE.COM

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Life's got food for heart, head

A scene from The Necessities of Life.

The Necessities of Life

Director: Benoit Pilon
Stars: Natar Ungalaaq, Éveline Gélinas, Paul-André Brasseur
Classification: PG
Rating: ●●●½

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Deeply moving without ever succumbing to shameless sentimentality, The Necessities Of Life was justifiably Canada's selection for this year's best foreign film Oscar.

Unfortunately, the movie was not able to claim a nomination, but that should in no way discourage audiences from seeing one of our nation's finest films in recent years.

The movie can be a difficult and upsetting cinematic experience, but one with rich rewards for audiences willing to tough it out with their hankies.

Natar Ungalaaq stars as Tiviim, an Inuk from the far North who is separated from his family and shipped to Quebec after being diagnosed with tuberculosis. Tivii soon finds himself in a hospital room surrounded by incommunicative hospital staff.

There, Tivii befriends a nurse (Éveline Gélinas) who introduces him to an Inuk boy (Paul-André Brasseur) who gives Tivii a reason to survive his ordeal.

Given that so much of the film is about isolation, depression, and culture shock, this movie can hardly be described as entertaining. But thanks to subdued direction from Benoit Pilon and some deeply moving performances, it's still an intellectually nourishing night at the movies.

New beginning for NeverEnding Story

FANTASY The NeverEnding Story might keep going.

Warner Bros. and a pair of top-tier production companies are in the early stages of a reboot of the 1984 children's fantasy classic.

The Kennedy/Marshall Co., whose credits include The Curious Case of Benjamin Button, and Leonard DiCaprio's Appian Way are in discussions with Warners about reviving the 25-year-old franchise. The studio recently acquired rights to the property, clearing the way for a potential remake.

Based on a German-language novel by Michael Ende, the film centres on a boy named Bastian Balthazar Bux who discovers a parallel world in a book titled The NeverEnding Story. As the boy, a loner, delves deeper into the book, he increasingly finds his life intertwined with the plot of the novel, in which a hero in the land of Fantasia must save the universe on behalf of an empress.

The new movie will put a modern spin on the material by examining the more nuanced details of the book that were glossed over in the first feature.

Wolfgang Petersen directed the 1984 film, which earned a respectable $20 million for Warners. The film has had a long life on home video and an even larger influence on popular culture, prefiguring the Harry Potter stories and other children's fantasies.

Those familiar with the project emphasize that it is in its early stages and that writers have not been hired.

Still, the interest highlights the frenzy among big entertainment players to develop revivals or sequels of dormant '80s and '90s franchises, which has reached fever pitch with the success of reboots like Friday the 13th, the fast-track development of a new version of RoboCop and plans to update Total Recall.

NeverEnding came out long before the fantasy genre was seen as a springboard for a Hollywood blockbuster, and Warners is said to see a new opportunity in the first-generation children's fantasy. The studio has had success producing and releasing the Harry Potter series, whose first five pictures have earned more than $4.5 billion worldwide. REUTERS

Sequels

- A sequel to The NeverEnding Story, directed by George Miller, came out in 1990 and earned $17 million; a third movie followed in the U.S. in 1996 but quickly went to video.

Date set for final Harry Potter

RELEASE Harry has a final date with film destiny: Warner Bros. will open the eighth film in its Potter franchise — Harry Potter and the Deathly Hollows: Part II — on July 15, 2011.

Deathly Hollows: Part I is set to unspool Nov. 19, 2010. The studio decided to split the seventh and final book in the Potter series into two movies because of the tome's length.

On Wednesday Warner also announced that is has postponed the release of its holiday feature Sherlock Holmes to Dec. 25 from Nov. 1. REUTERS

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This week's new releases are highlighted in pink.

Screen Times

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BYTOWNE CINEMA
325 Rideau St., 613-789-3456

Che: Part One (14A) Fri 6:50 Sat 4:20-9:15 Sun 8:35 Mon-Tue 6:35 Wed-Thu 9:15
Elsa & Fred (STC) Wed-Thu 4:45
The Necessities of Life (PG) Fri 9:30 Sat 7 Sun 1:30-6:20 Mon 4:15 Tue 9:15 Wed-Thu 7
The Night of the Hunter (STC) Mon 9:15 Tue 4:30
Tell No One (14A) Fri 4:15 Sat 1:45 Sun 3:45

CANADIAN FILM INSTITUTE
2 Daly Ave., Suite 120, 613-232-6727

Defenders of Riga (STC) Thu 7

CANADIAN MUSEUM OF NATURE
240 McLeod St., 613-566-4700

Galápagos: The Islands That Changed the World (STC) Fri 3 Sat-Sun 11:30-1:30-3:30 Thu 6 Fri 4 Sat-Sun 12:30-2:30 Thu 7
Nature Scopers: Amazing! The Transformation of Caterpillars (STC) Sat-Sun 9:30-10:30 Sat-Sun 10-11

COLISEUM OTTAWA
3090 Carling Ave., 613-596-9475

Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:20-7-9:50 Mon-Thu 4:20-7-9:50
Coraline (PG) Fri-Sun 12:10-3:30-6:30-9 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:30-9
Delhi 6 (Hindi w/e.s.t.) (PG) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:40-6:50-9:55 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:50-9:55
Friday the 13th (18A) Fri-Thu 8:10-10:30
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Fri-Sun 1-4:10-7:10-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:10-10:10
Hotel for Dogs (G) Fri-Sun 2:10-4:50 Mon-Thu 4:50
The International (14A) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:40-7:30-10:20 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:30-10:20 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Jag Jeondeyan de Mele (in Punjabi) (G) Fri-Sun 1:20-5-8:30 Mon-Thu 5-8:30
Jonas Brothers: The 3D Concert Experience in Disney Digital 3D (G) No Passes Fri 12-2-4-6-8-10 No Passes Sat-Sun 10-12-2-4-6-8-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 4-6-8-10
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:10-5:30-7:50-10:15 Mon-Thu 5:30-7:50-10:15
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri-Sun 1:50-4:30-7:20-9:40 Mon-Wed 4:30-7:20-9:40 Thu 4:30-9:40
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:50-6:40-9:30 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:40-9:30
Taken (14A) Fri-Sun 12:20-2:50-5:10-7:40-10:05 Mon-Thu 5:10-7:40-10:05 Star & Strollers Thu 1

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111 Albert St., 613-233-0209

The International (14A) Fri-Sat 3:30-6:40-9:25 Sun 12:30-3:30-6:40-9:25 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:40-9:25
Milk (14A) Fri 3:50-6:45-9:35 Sat-Sun 1-3:50-6:45-9:35 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:45-9:35
Opus Arte: Manon (Ballet) (STC) Sat 1
The Reader (14A) Fri 3:45-6:30-9:30 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:45-6:30-9:30 Mon-Thu 3:45-6:30-9:30
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri 4-6:50-9:40 Sat-Sun 12:40-4-6:50-9:40 Mon-Thu 4-6:50-9:40
Stone of Destiny (PG) Fri 4:10-7:10-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:10-4:10-7:10-9:50 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:10-9:50
Waltz With Bashir (18A) Fri 4:20-7:20-9:55 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:20-7:20-9:55 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:20-9:55
The Wrestler (14A) Fri 3:40-7-9:45 Sat 12:45-3:40-7-9:45 Sun 3:40-3:40-7-9:45 Mon-Thu 3:40-7-9:45

MAYFAIR THEATRE
1074 Bank St., 613-730-3403

The Exiles (STC) Fri 9
Ghoulies (STC) Sat 11:30
Master With Cracked Fingers (STC) Fri 11
Twilight (PG) Sat 1:20-7
Virtual JFK: Vietnam If Kennedy Had Lived (STC) Fri 7 Sat 5-9:30

OTTAWA FAMILY CINEMA
710 Broadview Ave., 613-722-8218

Inkheart (PG) Sat 2
Twilight (PG) Fri 7

RAINBOW CINEMAS
1200 St. Laurent Blvd., 613-688-0850

Bedtime Stories (G) Fri-Thu 12:25-2:25-4:40
Bolt (PG) Fri-Thu 12:20-2:20-4:30
Bride Wars (PG) Fri-Wed 10:40-1-3:05-5:10-7:15-9:35 Thu 10:40-3:05-5:10-7:15-9:35 Thu 1
Defiance (14A) Fri-Thu 3:30-8:50
Frost/Nixon (PG) Fri-Sat 4:45-9:25 Sun-Mon 9:25 Tue 4:45-9:25 Wed 9:25 Thu 4:45-9:25 Open Captioned Sun-Mon 4:45 Open Captioned Wed 4:45
Inkheart (PG) Fri-Thu 10:30-1:10-6:30
Marley & Me (PG) Fri-Thu 10:10-12:15-2:30-7:10
Revolutionary Road (14A) Fri-Thu 10:05-6:50-9:15
Twilight (PG) Fri-Thu 10-6:55-9:30

RIDEAU CENTRE CINEMAS
50 Rideau St., 613-234-3712

Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri 4-7-9:30 Dolby Stereo Digital Sat-Sun 1:15-4-7-9:30 Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 4-7-9:30
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri 3:45-6:30-9:20 Dolby Stereo Digital Sat-Sun 1-3:45-6:30-9:20 Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 3:45-6:30-9:20
Taken (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, SDDS Digital Fri 4:15-6:45-9:10 Dolby Stereo Digital, SDDS Digital Sat-Sun 1:30-4:15-6:45-9:10 Dolby Stereo Digital, SDDS Digital Mon 4:15-6:45-9:10 Dolby Stereo Digital, SDDS Digital Tue-Thu 4:15

SOUTH KEYS
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Coraline (PG) Fri-Thu 10:45-1:15-4:15-6:40
Fired Up (PG) Fri-Thu 10:20-12:30-2:45-5-7:10-9:25
Friday the 13th (18A) Fri-Thu 10:40-1:15-4:30-7:35-10
Gran Torino (14A) Fri-Thu 10:10-1:45-4:45-7:20-10
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Fri-Thu 10-12:55-3:50-6:50-9:45
The International (14A) Fri-Thu 10:05-1:05-4:10-6:55-9:40
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri-Thu 10:10-12:25-2:50-5:10-7:30-9:50
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri-Thu 10:30-1:25-4:20-7:05-9:30
Push (14A) Fri-Thu 9:15
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri-Thu 10:15-1:10-4:25-7:15-9:55
Street Fighter: The Legend of Chun-Li (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 10:25-1:30-4:05-7-9:45
Taken (14A) Fri-Thu 10:35-1:35-3:55-6:45-9:35

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Les Alpes (STC) Sat 1 Tue 5 Thu 4
The Alps (STC) Sat 10 Sun-Mon 3 Tue 9 Thu 8
Bestioles (STC) Sat-Mon 1 Wed 12
Bugs! (STC) Sat 3 Sun 12 Mon 5 Tue 2 Wed 10
Cirque du Soleil: Journey of Man (STC) Fri 10 Sat 2 Tue 11 Wed 3 Thu 9
Cirque du Soleil: Passages (STC) Fri 12 Sat-Sun 6 Thu 5
Coral Reef Adventure (STC) Fri 7 Sat 11 Mon 10 Wed 6 Thu 2
Coraux du Pacifique (STC) Sat 7 Mon 12 Wed 4
Deep Sea (STC) Sat 8 Sun 4 Tue 8 Wed 11 Thu 7
Grand Canyon Adventure: River at Risk (STC) Fri 6 Mon 9 Thu 3
Grand Canyon: Fleuve en Peril (STC) Fri 10 Tue 4
Momies: Secret des Pharaons (STC) Fri 1 Sat 4 Sun 5 Mon 4 Tue 12 Wed 1 Thu 12
Mummies: Secrets of the Pharaohs (STC) Fri 11 Sat 12 Sun-Mon 2 Tue 10 Wed 2 Thu 10
Mystere du Nil (STC) Sat 10 Mon 7 Wed 8
Mystery of the Nile (STC) Fri 3 Sat 5 Tue 6 Wed 5 Thu 6
Shackleton's Antarctic Adventure (STC) Fri 2 Sat 9 Mon 6 Tue 3 Thu 11
Shackleton: Une Aventure dans l'Antarctique (STC) Fri 5 Tue 7 Wed 9
Sous les Mers du Monde (STC) Fri 9 Sat-Sun 10 Thu 1
Space Station (STC) Fri 8 Sat 6 Sun-Mon 11 Wed 7
Station spatiale (STC) Fri 4 Mon 8 Tue 1

CINÉMA DES GALERIES D'AYLMER
400 boul. Wilfrid-Lavigne, 819-248-2526

Cadavres (STC) Fri-Thu 6:50-9:20
Finn on the Fly (STC) Fri-Thu 12:50-3-7:10
Friday the 13th (18A) Fri-Thu 9:30
Les Noces rebelles (14A) Mon 1-3:30 Tue-Thu 7
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:10-4-6-9:10
Taken (14A) Fri-Sun 1-3:30-7-9:30 Mon 7-9:30 Tue-Thu 1-3:30-9:30
The Tale of Despereaux Fri-Thu 1:10-3:20

CINÉ-STARZ
1100 boul. Maloney Ouest, 819-568-8000

Coeur d'encre (G) Fri-Thu 1:45-5-7
Le conte de Despereaux (G) Fri-Thu 12
La guerre des mariées (G) Fri-Thu 1:35-3:05-7:45-9:20
Histoires enchantées (G) Fri-Thu 12-1:40-3:20-6:05
Madagascar 2 v.f. (G) Fri-Thu 12-4:35
Marley et moi (G) Fri-Thu 1:40-5:35
Monde Infernal: La révolte des Lycans (13+) Fri-Thu 3:40-9:30
Push: La division (G) Fri-Thu 3:40-7:35-9:30
Twilight: la fascination (G) Fri-Thu 5:20-7:25-9
Volt (G) Fri-Thu 12

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Le Bonheur de Pierre (G) Fri 6:30-9 Sat-Thu 1:25-4-6:30-9
Cadavres (v.f.) (13+) Fri 6:50-9:20 Sat-Thu 12:10-3-6:50-9:20
Confessions d'une accro du shopping (G) Fri 7-9:25 Sat-Thu 1-3:30-7-9:25
Les intrus (13+) Fri 9:40 Sat-Thu 3:40-9:40
L'enlevement (13+) Fri 6:20-8:45 Sat-Thu 12:40-2:50-6:20-8:45
Mon ami Finn (G) Fri 7:25 Sat-Thu 12-2:15-4:25-7:25
La panthère rose 2 (G) Fri 7:15-9:15 Sat-Thu 12:50-3:20-7:15-9:15

Paul Blart: Flic du mail (STC) Fri 7:30 Sat-Thu 1:10-7:30
Polytechnique (v.f.) (13+) Fri 7:10-9:05 Sat-Thu 12:30-2:30-4:30-7:10-9:05
Le pouilleux millionaire (STC) Fri 6:40-9:10 Sat-Thu 1:20-3:50-6:40-9:10
Vendredi 13 (13+) Fri-Thu 9:35

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115 boul. du Plateau, 819-770-1090

Bolt (G) Mon-Thu 10:20
Le Bonheur de Pierre (G) Fri-Thu 1:05-3:35-7:05-9:30
Cadavres (13+) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:15-6:45-9:25
Confessions of a Shopaholic (G) Fri-Thu 1-3:30-7:15-9:45
Le conte de Despereaux (G) Mon-Thu 10:15
The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (G) Fri-Thu 7:30
Finn on the Fly (G) Fri-Sun 1:15-3:40-6:40 Mon-Thu 10:30-1:15-3:40-6:40
Fired Up (G) Fri-Thu 12:15-2:30-6:30-8:50
Friday the 13th (13+) Fri-Thu 6:25-8:50
He's Just Not That Into You (G) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:20-6:45-9:25
High School Musical 3: La dernière année (G) Mon-Thu 10:05
High School Musical 3: Senior Year (G) Mon-Thu 10:15
The International (13+) Fri-Thu 7:10-9:50
Jonas Brothers: Le Concert 3D (G) Fri-Sun 12:30-2:20-4:10-6:55-8:45 Mon-Thu 10:35-12:30-2:20-4:10-6:55-8:45
Journey to the Center of the Earth (G) Mon-Thu 10:10
Kung Fu Panda (G) Mon-Thu 10:25
Kung Fu Panda v.f. (G) Mon-Thu 10
Madagascar 2 : La grande évasion (G) Mon-Thu 10:25
Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (G) Mon-Thu 10:05
Mia et le Migou (G) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:05-6:20 Mon-Thu 10:35-12:50-3:05-6:20
Mon ami Finn (G) Fri-Sun 1:10-3:25-6:50 Mon-Thu 10:30-1:10-3:25-6:50
Palace pour chiens (G) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:20
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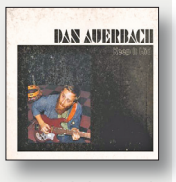

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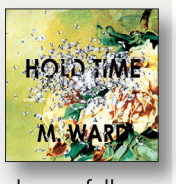

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Little Voice suits Sara

SONY MUSIC PHOTO

Singer-songwriter Sara Bareilles scored two Grammy nominations for her album Little Voice.

ROB MCMAHON
for Metro Canada

When setting up in a new city, we all find ways to ease the transition. For singer-songwriter Sara Bareilles, the solution was to join an a cappella group.

Soon after moving to L.A. from Eureka, Calif., to attend UCLA, the chart-topping Grammy nominee signed up with Awaken A Capella, a group that mirrored the musical theatre she grew up performing.

"If you listen to my album (Little Voice), you'll hear that I'm very much in love with vocal harmonies, and that's part of what drew me to a cappella," she said. "Singing with such a supportive group really nurtured my confidence ... It also enlightened me to the versatility of the voice — to how dynamic a vocal performance can be."

Bareilles hasn't undergone formal musical training, though her natural command of vocals shines through her love of a capella and sharply observant lyrics. While Little Voice's piano-driven tracks are largely dominated by vocals, they also feature details cribbed from studio musicians, from the Maroon 5-esque funk-rock of Morningside to Come Round Soon's electronic intro.

"In order to better understand your art, you need to find a way to articulate it." Sara Bareilles

"Sometimes I wish my training was different, since my skill level would be at a different place, and some of my limitations as a player would be solved," she said. "(But) since songwriting has not been not dissected for me, it's completely personality-based. I'm not breaking it down to make a formula, or understand it mathematically."

Writing and recording Little Voice entailed some measure of creative conflict between Bareilles and producer Eric Rosse. The pair are still friends, and Bareilles said the experience, while difficult at the time, helped her grow as an artist. Compared to her self-produced demo album, Careful Confessions, the tracks on Little Voice are much bigger — in terms of production, delivery and attached price tag. Several are reworked versions of earlier songs.

"When making music, if there's not anyone pushing back and challenging you — if you don't fight for your ideas ... (and you're) surrounded by yes men, you end up not doing everything you can," she said. "In order to better understand your art, you need to find a way to articulate it ... and that comes out every part of life — having to be your own advocate."

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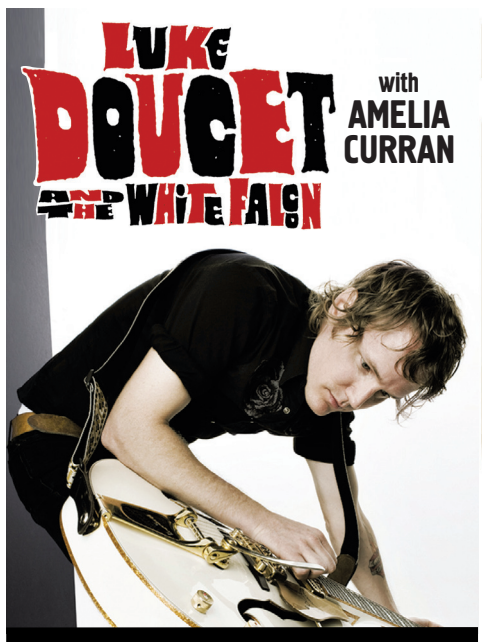

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The top pop albums, according to Billboard Magazine
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Music

UNIVERSAL MUSIC

U2's No Line on the Horizon is scheduled for release next week.

What caused the big leak?

SoundCheck

Alan Cross
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About 7 a.m. last Wednesday, I received an email. "Want the new U2 album?" Within seconds, I was listening to U2's No Line on the Horizon.

A legitimate online store in Australia accidentally made the full album available for about two hours while Europe and North America slept. A few fans bought the album, re-ripped it to remove any digital locks and set it free. The tracks went global in seconds. A disaster for U2 and its label, right?

But since I believe in gunmen on grassy knolls and that the government knows that grey aliens are regularly kidnapping hillbillies, I began to wonder whether this really was a leak.

ARGUMENT FOR: The album leaked through the online store officially used by Universal Australia. Universal is U2's record label.

ARGUMENT AGAINST: Why would the world's biggest record label do something that sabotages sales for an album by its biggest band?

FOR: This was actually the second leak. A week earlier, it was available on Napster Mobile. But since no one has ever heard of Napster Mobile, it went unnoticed. Could the Australian leak have been a mulligan?

AGAINST: U2 manager Paul McGuiness is one of music's most outspoken people on the problem of piracy and illegal downloads. He wants ISPs put on the hook for money lost due to file-trading.

FOR: Reaction to Get On Your Boots, the first single, has been tepid. An album leak gets people talking about U2.

AGAINST: People will talk about U2, anyway. The band played for Obama and opened the Grammys.

FOR: According to Forbes, only one-eighth a band's income comes from album sales these days. U2 will gross a $250 million from its upcoming world tour. A new CD is just an excuse for U2 to go on the road and make some real money.

AGAINST: When you sell more than 10 million copies of each album, one-eighth is still a lot of money.

The real answer is probably "It was all just a mistake." You can keep a new album secret as long as it stays in the studio, but the moment you have to ship it to pressing plants and download stores, it can all go horribly wrong very quickly. All it takes is one digital copy.

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2 Live Your Life — T.I. ft. Rihanna
3 Right Now — Akon
4 Heartless — Kanye West
5 Single Ladies — Beyoncé
6 Whatever You Like — T.I.
7 Let It Rock — Kevin Rudolf
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10 Untouched — The Veronicas
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George Clooney will be back in his ER scrubs for one final episode of the NBC medical drama that will air March 12. A show insider says Clooney will reunite with Julianna Margulies in a storyline that also features Susan Sarandon. **PEOPLE.COM**

Television

Huge laughs in next Apprentice: Green

ROBYN YOUNG
for Metro Canada

Tom Green predicts the upcoming season of Celebrity Apprentice will be the most entertaining yet.

"It's was ridiculous," the comic said in a telephone interview from L.A.

The Canadian actor, comedian and writer, best known for MTV's The Tom Green Show and his feature film Freddy Got Fingered, is looking forward to watching the debauchery unfold starting Sunday when the second season of The Celebrity Apprentice airs.

Some of his fellow competitors included Dennis Rodman, Clint Black, Andrew Dice Clay, Joan Rivers and her daughter Melissa Rivers and Green said his main objective was to maintain a positive attitude and make each episode as funny as possible.

When arguments began, for example, he tried his best to encourage them.

"I'd just sort of listen intently to the person who was making the least sense and then that would give them confidence and they'd argue more," he said.

One of the funniest things for him was to see Clint Black and Dennis Rodman screaming at each other, he said.

And they weren't the only two of the 16 candidates to lose their cool.

Green couldn't give away all of the show's secrets, but he said there were several competitors who just didn't get along. The combination of strong personalities with the challenging, 16-hour days filled with complicated tasks, created a very volatile situation.

"It makes for some pretty cool TV," the 38-year-old said with a laugh.

The comedian found an ally in fellow funny man Andrew Dice Clay who has appeared several times as a guest on tomgreen.com, The Channel, where Green broadcasts a one-hour talk-show from his living room.

On the set of The Apprentice, the two jokesters continued the fun and games, adding some much needed comic relief to the mix.

Green

"We were almost able to be a bit of a tag team as far as creating mass confusion and hysteria," Green said.

The Celebrity Apprentice premieres the evening of Sunday, March 1.

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		581	566	53	MTV	4REAL	City Live After	Made "Pop Singer"		The Real World		The City	The City	City Live After
		522	506	55	HIS	NCIS		Shockwave		Urban Legends	Urban Legends	Ax Men		Disaster
		603	561	95	FN	Chef at Home	Chef at Home	Restaurant Makeover		Kylie Kwong	Gourmets	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Ramsay Kitchn

SATURDAY

	OT	Vu	SC	C		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime 2/28/09		265	353	2	TVO	Inside Jerusalem's Holiest		*A Hard Day's Night* (1964, Musical Comedy)			The Interviews	*24 Hour Party People* (2002, Comedy-Drama)		
		211	331	3	GTV	Shattered Dreams		Masterminds	Masterminds	Doc "Evaluate This"		Doc		News (N)
		209	342	6	CHRO	The Road to Avonlea		*Truth* (2006) Stephanie Zimbalist, Dean Cain, Thea Gill.				Comedy Now	Comedy Now	News (N)
		196	311	7	CTV	W-FIVE		Cold Case "True Calling"		*Mayerthorpe* (2008, Docudrama) Henry Czerny.				News (N)
		208	303	8	CBC	NHL Hockey: Regional Coverage -- Sharks at Canadiens or Maple Leafs at Senators						NHL Hockey: Wild at Oilers		
		-	360	9	NBC	Paid Program	Wheel-Fortune	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order "Zero"		News (N)
		-	362	13	CBS	Paid Program	The Insider (N)	Cold Case "True Calling"		48 Hours Mystery		48 Hours Mystery (N)		CSI: NY
		216	395	14	OMN2	Chinese Rest.	Trendy Zone	*Enter the Phoenix* (2004, Comedy) Eason Chan, Daniel Wu.				Omni News: Mandarin		Chinese Rest.
		214	344	15	CITY	Without a Trace		Less-Kind	Kaya	*Earthstorm* (2006, Science Fiction) Stephen Baldwin.				News (N)
		218	345	18	E!	Chef School	E News	*A Job to Kill For* (2006, Suspense) Sean Young.				Show Yours	G-Spot	News (N)
		-	361	20	ABC	Entertainment Tonight		Funniest Home Videos		*Bewitched* ★★ (2005, Romance-Comedy) Nicole Kidman.				News (N)
		-	365	36	FOX	Bernie Mac	Seinfeld	Cops (N)	Cops	America's Most Wanted		News (N)		MADtv
news		500	500	33	CNN	Newsroom		Campbell Brown: No Bias		Larry King Live		D.L. Hughley Breaks the News		Newsroom
sports		406	417	27	net	English Premier League Soccer Teams TBA.				The Ultimate Fighter		PartyPoker.net World Open IV		Sportsnet Con.
		126	730	28	RDI	Le Journal RDI	Humanima	Découverte (SC)		Le Téléjournal	Les Grands reportages		La Facture	Le Téléjournal
		400	280	30	TSN	Curling 2009 Scotties Tournament of Hearts -- Semifinal. (HDTV) From Victoria, B.C. (Live)							SportsCentre	
family		554	544	48	TEL	*X-Men* ★★★ (2000, Action) Hugh Jackman.				Futurama	Robot Chicken	Clone High	Gay Couple	Moral Orel
		557	540	51	FAM	That's-Raven	Zoey 101	Life Derek	Han. Montana	*Rudy* ★★★ (1993, Drama) Sean Astin.			(10:31) *Short Circuit*	
		551	542	65	YTV	Team Galaxy	Team Galaxy	Zixx Level	Storm Hawks	Naruto	Bleach	Ghost	Ghost	Mystery Hnt.
cable variety		615	520	31	A&E	CSI: Miami "Darkroom"		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: NY
		628	584	32	SPKE	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	*Star Wars: Episode III -- Revenge of the Sith* ★★★ (2005, Science Fiction) Ewan McGregor.						Real Vice
		616	521	39	SHO	Mutant X		*Legacy of Fear* (2006, Suspense) (HDTV) Teri Polo.				*Ultraviolet* ★ (2006, Science Fiction)		
		520	505	42	DIS	Cash Cab (N)	Out in the Cold	Extreme Loggers		Destroyed	Time Warp	Criss Angel	Criss Angel	Guinea Pig (N)
		581	566	53	MTV	MTV Live	After	Made "Pop Singer"		MTV News	After	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs
		522	506	55	HIS	NCIS "Hiatus"		Ancestors	Ancestors	*The Patriot* ★★★ (2000, War) Mel Gibson, Heath Ledger.				
		603	561	95	FN	Family	Glutton	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares		Top Chef (Part 2 of 2)		Hell's Kitchen		The F Word

SUNDAY

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primetime 3/1/09		265	353	2	TVO	Megabridges "China"		The Mummy Diaries		Touch of Frost "In the Public Interest"			(10:35) The View From Here	
		211	331	3	GTV	Ancestors	King of the Hill	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Brothers & Sisters "Troubled Waters" (HDTV) (N)				News (N)
		209	342	6	CHRO	Funniest Home Videos		*Water* ★★★ (2005, Drama) Seema Biswas, Lisa Ray, John Abraham.					Look-A-Like	News (N)
		196	311	7	CTV	Star Wars Clo.	Degrassi: TNG	The Amazing Race 14		Criminal Minds (N)		The Mentalist (HDTV)		News (N)
		208	303	8	CBC	Heartland (N) (DVS)		*The Devil Wears Prada* ★★★ (2006, Comedy)				CBC News: Sunday Night (N)		East Coast
		-	360	9	NBC	Saturday Night Live		Saturday Night Live (PA)		The Celebrity Apprentice (Season Premiere) (N)				News (N)
		-	362	13	CBS	60 Minutes		The Amazing Race 14		*Jesse Stone: Thin Ice* (2009, Crime Drama) Tom Selleck.				CSI: NY
		216	395	14	OMN2	Animania		Aaram	Arirang Korea	Word for Word	Trendy Zone	Fundamental Freedoms		Of Blessings
		214	344	15	CITY	2Half Men	2Half Men	Friends	Friends	Rock of Love Bus		Crusoe		News (N)
		218	345	18	E!	The Best Years (DVS)		Extreme Makeover: Home		The Celebrity Apprentice (Season Premiere) (N)				News (N)
		-	361	20	ABC	Funniest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home		Brothers & Sisters "Troubled Waters" (HDTV) (N)				News (N)
		-	365	36	FOX	NASCAR Racing: Sprint Cup		The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Family Guy	American Dad	News (N)		Sportsworks
news		500	500	33	CNN	Newsroom		State of the Union		Larry King Live		Newsroom		D.L. Hughley
sports		406	417	27	net	QMJHL Hockey Moncton Wildcats at Shawinigan Cataractes. (Live)						World Combat League		Sportsnet Con.
		126	730	28	RDI	Le Journal RDI	Marie-Claude	Une heure sur Terre (SC)		Le Téléjournal	Les Coulisses du pouvoir		Regard	Le Téléjournal
		400	280	30	TSN	NASCAR Racing: Sprint Cup		Curling 2009 Scotties Tournament of Hearts -- Final. (HDTV) From Victoria, B.C. (Live)						
family		554	544	48	TEL	Totally Spies	Totally Spies	6TEEN	6TEEN	Futurama	Punch	Life's a Zoo	Life's a Zoo	Gay Couple
		557	540	51	FAM	That's-Raven	Zoey 101	Life Derek	Han. Montana	*Bob the Butler* ★★ (2005, Comedy)			(10:32) *Space Jam* (1996)	
		551	542	65	YTV	(6) *Flushed Away*		Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	The Next Star "The Buzz"		Adrenaline Proj	Zixx Level	Mystery Hnt.
cable variety		615	520	31	A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		The Sopranos (HDTV)		The Sopranos
		628	584	32	SPKE	UFC Unleashed		UFC Unleashed		UFC Unleashed		Ways to Die	Ways to Die	MANswers
		616	521	39	SHO	The Guard (HDTV)		*Thrill of the Kill* (2006, Suspense) Shiri Appleby.				Damages (N)		The Guard
		520	505	42	DIS	MythBusters		Journey to the Edge of the Universe (N)				MythBusters		A. Bourdain
		581	566	53	MTV	Made "Pop Singer"		Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	After
		522	506	55	HIS	(6:30) NCIS	Running Guns (N)			*Lord of War* ★★ (2005, Drama) Nicolas Cage, Jared Leto.				
		603	561	95	FN	Italian Escape	Exotic	Challenge Knife skills.		Iron Chef America		The Next Food Network Star		The Heat

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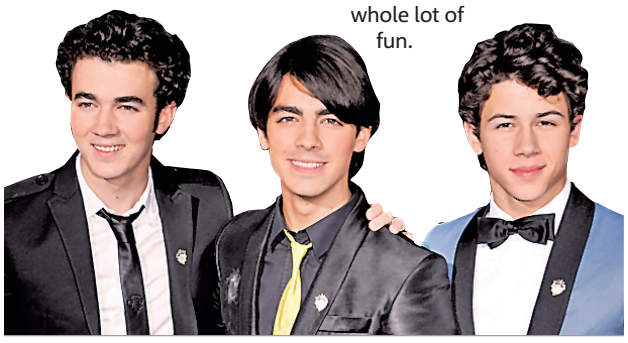
Conrad *so over* The Hills
Lauren Conrad will quit The Hills after filming wraps on the upcoming fifth season. The MTV show focuses on Conrad and her friends as they go about their daily lives in Hollywood. **FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK**

Television

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 Jonas Brothers: The 3-D Concert Experience

FILM What's so wrong with watching three strapping, young lads belt out catchy, safe-as-milk rock tunes to fawning lady fans? Music and film purists may stay away, but if early reviews are any indicators, it all seems like a whole lot of fun.



2 Journalist Naomi Klein

AUTHOR The Canadian writer-journalist Naomi Klein made news again by winning the Warwick Prize for Writing for The Shock Doctrine, her investigative account of "disaster capitalism." The prize, worth about $90,000 Cdn, is run by Britain's University of Warwick and is handed out every other year.

3 K'naan

ALBUM The Somali-Canadian artist is more than just a hip-hopper and his bling-free new album proves it. Blending brilliant grooves with urgent protest poetry, K'naan brings a world of musical stylings to this work of art.

4 Ethical clothing

FASHION London Fashion Week designers put socially conscious threads at the top of their fashion agenda. About 37 renowned designers took part in the Esthetica exhibition, which showcased the latest trends in green and sustainable clothing.

5 Kate Winslet

CELEBRITY Slumdog Millionaire's sweep may have been the Oscar fairy tale, but the British actress was Sunday night's Cinderella. Not only did she look the very picture of grace and glamour in her Yves Saint Laurent dress, she finally managed to bag the Oscar that should have been hers years ago.

6 Bermuda

TRAVEL Whether you want to beat the winter or catch a little spring break, Bermuda is the place to go this season. The Caribbean island is celebrating its 400th anniversary this year, kicking things off with an historical exhibit this weekend. More events and hotel deals to follow.

7 Siam Sunrays

COCKTAIL Cuba's got the Mojito. There's the Singapore Sling and the Manhattan. Now Thailand has created this new cocktail, to add a little punch to the nation's tourism sector. Recipe? A shot of vodka, coconut liqueur, a dash of chili pepper and sugar, lime juice, a few slivers of lemongrass and ginger — shaken not stirred, then strained into a glass — with ice and soda water.

Morgan Freeman sued over car crash

COURTS A woman who was Morgan Freeman's passenger in an August car crash sued the Oscar winner for negligence recently and said she wants to clear her name from claims she was his mistress.

Demaris Meyer, the passenger, also said that despite media reports to the contrary, she and Freeman met the night of the accident at a country club, where they dined with mutual friends, and that she was not in a romantic affair with him.

"I have been labelled as the 'other woman' and have been accused of having caused the breakup of Mr. Freeman's marriage. Nothing could be further from the truth," Meyer said at a news conference in Los Angeles.

She is represented by celebrity attorney Gloria Allred.

Meyer's lawsuit was filed in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Mississippi Delta Division. The crash happened the night of Aug. 3, 2008, near a home that Freeman keeps in Charleston, Miss., when he lost control of his Nissan Maxima and it struck a ditch and rolled over.

"We are confident this will all be resolved," said Ken Sunshine, a spokesman for Freeman. "We have no further comment on the current litigation."

Meyer said she was riding with Freeman that night because they were going to his ranch, since it was closer to her work than a friend's home where she originally planned to stay. **REUTERS**

In brief

BRITNEY A judge has ordered three men with former ties to Britney Spears to continue staying away from the pop star amid claims they tried to undermine her father's control over her affairs. Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Aviva K. Bobb extended a restraining order against Sam Lutfi, the star's former self-styled manager, and Adnan Ghalib, a former boyfriend, until March 18. The judge also extended a restraining order against attorney Jon Eardley, who once claimed to represent Spears, until April 1. **REUTERS**

Mix of Six

HOT & HAPPENING WEEKEND EVENTS AROUND THE CITY
For more great events around the city, visit: **metronews.ca/entertainment**

Giselle

When: Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.
Where: Southam Hall, National Arts Centre
American Ballet Theatre presents this romantic story of love, remorse and redemption, with choreography by Marius Petipa. Tickets from $24.25-$81, available through the NAC box office at 613-755-1111.

Five Hole: Tales of Hockey Erotica

When: Friday, 8 p.m.
Where: Centrepointe Theatre, 101 Centrepointe Dr.
Toronto rockers Rheostatics, and Calgary's One Yellow Rabbit performance theatre company come together to create this unique extravaganza celebrating sex and hockey. Tickets $39-$45 through centrepointetheatre.ca

Scribology

When: Friday, 6 p.m.
Where: Library & Archives Auditorium, Rideau 395 Wellington St.
Poetic and musical fusion from The Fugitives, Kalmunity Vibe Collective and the Young Griot Collective. Tickets $28.25 through ticketpro.ca

Hollerado

When: Friday, 9 p.m.
Where: Café Dekcuf, 221 Rideau St.
It's a full roster of rock with fun loving Hollerado headlining, and support from Black Names, The Rough Sea and Sadie Hell. Cover is $5.

Becky Abbott & Lindsay Ferguson

When: Friday, 8 p.m.
Where: Zaphod Beeblebrox, 27 York St.
Hometown songstresses Becky Abbott and Lindsay Ferguson team up for a night of fun music and soaring vocals. For info visit zaphodbeeblebrox.com

The Drawer Boy

When: Friday through March 14, 8 p.m.
Where: Irving Greenberg Theatre Centre, 1233 Wellington St. W.
Todd Duckworth directs this funny and touching story of what happens when a big city actor goes to live with two rural war veterans. Presented by the Great Canadian Theatre Company. Tickets $30-$42. Call 613-236-5196.

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Holly loses her Angel

It's over between illusionist Criss Angel and Girl Next Door Holly Madison. "Criss and Holly are no longer a couple," their rep told People magazine. "They remain very close friends and wish each other the very best." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

'Critics don't get it': Paltrow

SITE Gwyneth Paltrow is taking on critics of her lifestyle website, Goop.com, just days after The New York Times published an article questioning the site's relevance in light of a barrage of swipes against its cardio-workout and pizza-recipe content, people.com reports.

"I think the people who are criticizing it or criticizing the idea of it, don't really get it, because if they did, they would like it," Paltrow told People this week.

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Wedding bells ringing soon?

MARRIAGE Malinda Williams has fuelled reports her Nailed co-star Jake Gyllenhaal is set to marry girlfriend Reese Witherspoon after confessing she expects wedding bells soon, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The 28-year-old Jarhead star and his actress lover were recently spotted ring shopping at New York's Fred Leighton jewellery store, and his latest co-star insists it's obvious the couple will be man and wife soon.

She tells Life & Style magazine, "I wouldn't be surprised if they get married soon. Reese was on the set a lot. She and Jake are clearly in love.

"They're like two regular, down-home people. They seem very comfortable around each other ... It's like they've been together for a really long time — like an old married couple."

The couple met on the set of Rendition in 2007 becoming more open about their relationship after the finalizing of Witherspoon's divorce. The popular actress married Ryan Phillippe in 1999, but in 2006 announced that they were separating after seven years of marriage and they share the custody of their two children.

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Brit's music makes no sense: Mayer

PEOPLE John Mayer thinks Britney Spears is "strange," femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer — who has been dating actress Jennifer Aniston for the past year — would never perform a duet with Britney because he doesn't understand her songs.

"I was just talking the other day about how strange the Britney Spears songwriting approach is. Because it's all about, 'I'm going out tonight, but nobody look at me,'" he said.

"I've never met her and I'm not coming down on her, but all of the songs are sort of like, 'I'm getting all my girls together, we're gonna go out' and 'I've got holes cut out for bleep, I got flashlights on me.' "And then it's like, 'Why's everybody looking at me?' 'Everybody's looking at me' because oh, did you hear verse two, Britney?"

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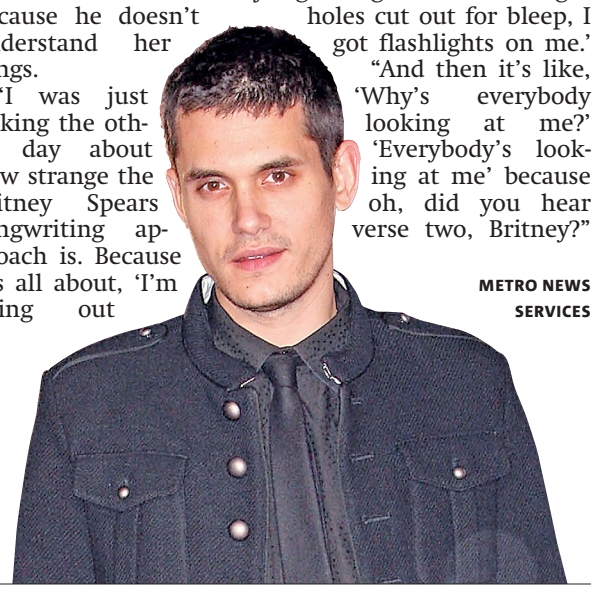

Beatty offers role and help

PEOPLE Hollywood icon Warren Beatty apparently has a movie in mind with the perfect role for Lindsay Lohan.

But if the young starlet wants it, she's going to have to jump through a few hoops. Beatty is reportedly offering the part to Lohan under the condition that she move in with him and wife Annette Bening — or at least into one their guest houses — for the duration of the filming so that Beatty can keep an eye on the notoriously difficult Lohan, according to Fox News.

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High School stars will wed

MARRIAGE Zac Efron has reportedly asked High School Musical co-star and girlfriend Vanessa Hudgens to marry him — because of pressure from Hudgens' mom.

According to sources, the 21-year-old popped the question while the couple vacationed in Japan last month.

"Zac is relieved to be out of the pressure cooker, because Vanessa's mother has been putting serious heat on him to make an honest woman out of her daughter," a source tells the National Enquirer. "She is old-school and doesn't approve of Vanessa living with Zac without some type of wedding promise." The pair reportedly plan to wed sometime next year.

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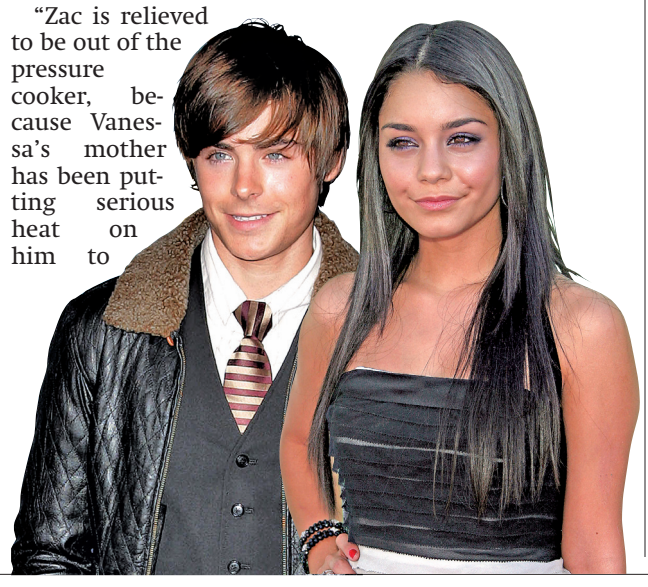

Brown may make a case for self defense

INCIDENT While preparing for his upcoming court date over his alleged assault of girlfriend Rihanna, Chris Brown is reportedly planning an interesting strategy: Pleading self-defense.

Inside sources tell Life & Style Weekly that while Brown is still waiting to hear if Rihanna will press charges, he's preparing a case against her.

"He's saying she threw a phone at him, then hit him in the head and basically just lost it," a source tells the magazine. "He's saying she attacked him."

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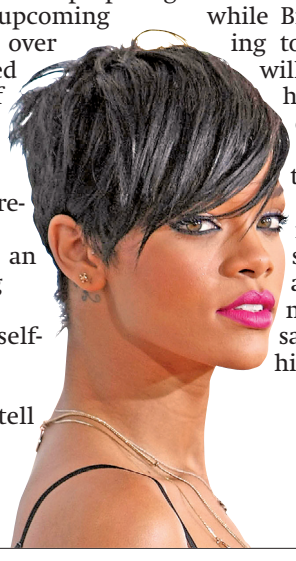

Jonas fans: Be nice to his mom

PEOPLE There's one simple rule for dating this teenage rocker: Nick Jonas is only interested in girls that get along with his mother.

The 16-year-old Jonas Brothers singer — who previously dated Miley Cyrus — says his ideal girlfriend is "someone who's good to my mom, that's very important."

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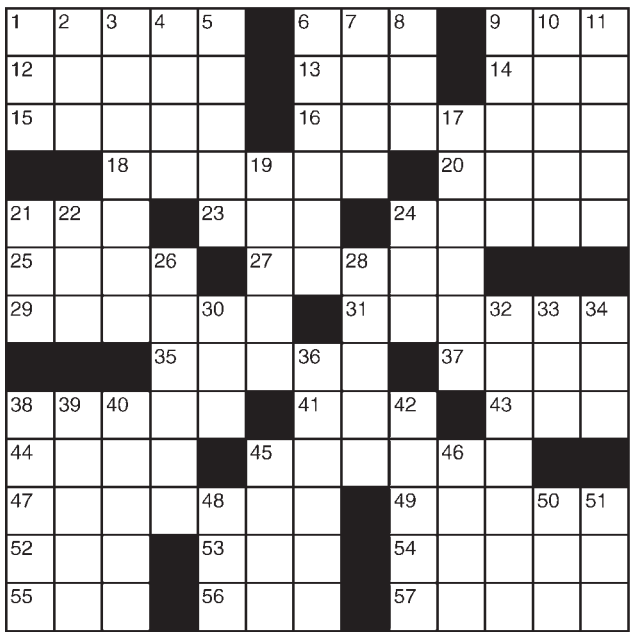

Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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Crossword across

1 Spills the beans
6 English channel?
9 Shade source
12 Genuflect
13 Bruins legend
14 Ultra-modernist
15 Preamble
16 Rifle attachment
18 Drink
20 Chaste
21 Field, briefly
23 La preceder
24 Stickup
25 Mines' output
27 Grill brand
29 Potassium source
31 Los Angeles suburb
35 Jargon
37 The Red and the Black
38 Summarize
41 Legal thing
43 Recipe meas.
44 Astringent
45 Family cars
47 Group of secretaries?
49 Hugh Laurie title role
52 Greek H
53 Brewery product
54 Signed a contract
55 Lair
56 "For Me and My —"
57 Borscht necessity

Crossword down

1 Schuss
2 Quaint stopover
3 Chatroom frequenter, e.g.
4 Bacterium
5 Unkempt ones
6 Outfielder's slip-up
7 Highland hillside
8 Weep
9 Boredom
10 Ogler's looks
11 Sacred song
17 "Lakme" and "Lulu"
19 Hawkeye
21 Drew's daytime-TV predecessor
22 401(k) alternative
24 Yon maiden
26 Antipasto ingredient
28 Greeted the villain
30 Pinch
32 Obi toggle
33 Petrol
34 Kreskin's claim
36 Hansel's sis
38 Sped
39 Cheer up
40 Castro, e.g.
42 Master, in old India
45 Actress Ward
46 Zilch
48 Kvetch
50 Collection
51 Mag. staffers

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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Under 13 min .....Genius
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Metro Recipe of the Day

Spaghetti with Scallops, Asparagus and Swiss Chard

INGREDIENTS:
2/3 lb (300 g) spaghetti
1 tbsp (15 ml) olive oil
12-oz (350 g) scallops, quartered if large
7 oz (200 g) asparagus, trimmed and cut into 1 1/2-in. (3-cm) lengths
1/2 tsp (2 ml) grated fresh ginger
1/2 lemon, zest grated and juiced
1/2 lb (250 g) Swiss chard leaves, coarsely shredded
1/3 cup (75 ml) water

METHOD:
1. Cook spaghetti in large pot of lightly salted boiling water according to packet instructions. When ready, drain.
2. While pasta is cooking, heat oil in wok or large frying pan over high heat. Add scallops in a single layer and cook, turning occasionally, about 3 minutes or until lightly golden and almost cooked through. Transfer scallops to plate, using slotted spoon, and keep warm.
3. Add asparagus to wok with ginger and lemon zest. Cook, stirring frequently, about 4 minutes until starting to soften.
4. Add Swiss chard leaves to wok and toss lightly. Pour in water, cover wok and cook about 5 minutes until Swiss chard is wilted and asparagus is tender.
5. Return scallops to wok with lemon juice and season to taste. Add spaghetti to wok and gently toss to mix with scallops and asparagus. Serve at once.

SERVES 4

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Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
A source of funds is revealed to a go-getter. Don't make fun of cautious behaviour. A wise guy finds an answer while daydreaming.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
A benevolent woman leaves a trail of evidence. A big setback affects someone's emotional state. A sensitive person makes guarded statements.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Pay close attention to a drama queen. An old guy has to obey his conscience. People wearing bland masks will make for a long day.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Your routine will change due to a control freak. A mischief-maker concocts thrilling scenarios. An illness initiates contact with an unusual person.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Don't try to exploit someone in the legal profession. A mystery man interferes with a conclusion. A computer will lead to a new friendship.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
An elder's remark will cause amusement. A bashful friend boasts about your deeds. Avoid any controversy concerning possessions.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
A disaster will be avoided. Being spontaneous can bring people together. Having second thoughts about a love affair creates turmoil.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
Emotional sensitivity is high in a whirlwind of activity. Rational discussions keep you hopping. A know-it-all blunders into a misunderstanding.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
A shameless thief will give you something. An apathetic person stands by the original plan. You'll find somebody to love.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
Illness and obligations will come to a head. A cheerful man needs more training. A pitiful cry will reveal much more than you expected.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
A prospective partner shares your strong feelings. Avoid others who are busy doing a difficult job. The importance of a decision becomes clear.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
People are talking about a soppy person. Be careful not to get hurt in a tug-of-war. Be considerate when you're with decision-makers.

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